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MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Sunday, May 28, at 4:30 p.m., Agriculture Post, American Legion, will hold a memorial service for their dead comrades of the first and second World Wars in the Chapel of the Epiphany at 12th and C Sts., S. W. All Department of Agriculture employees who wish to attend will be most welcome, particularly those who have lost friends or relatives.

If you can spare some cut flowers to decorate the church bring them to Mr. Murphy's office, Rm. 108, Administration Bldg. on Saturday, May 27.

As Memorial Day itself, again, this year, will not be a holiday, it is believed appropriate to have the service on the Sunday preceding. As usual, there will be exercises in the Patio on May 30.

ELECTION--JUNE 2

The election to select the employee member of the USDA Board of Review on Efficiency Ratings will be held on Friday, June 2, 1944. Nominations of candidates for this election were closed May 23.

In the very near future you will receive your own copy of a memorandum listing the candidates for election, providing instructions for voting, stating where the various polling places will be and when they will be open, and furnishing you with your identification slip which entitles you to vote.

Do not lose your identification slip! You must exchange it for a ballot when you vote. If you should fail to receive your identification slip or should lose it, contact your bureau personnel officer or call Mrs. Alice Baldwin, Secretary of the Employee Election Committee, Ext. 6023, at once.

The employee member of the USDA Board of Review is the person you help to choose to serve as our representative on the judicial committee to which we may appeal our efficiency ratings for final decision. The correctness of the rulings of the Board of Review are as important to us as the accuracy of our efficiency ratings themselves since the Board may, on appeal, correct inaccurate ratings. (contin'd. p. 3)

MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS

Alvan F. Saxton, soil conservationist, SCS, for devising soil conservation practices to solve the problems existing in his work unit.

Dr. Jesse E. Peterman and Dr. Arthur G. Beagle, veterinarians, BAI, in collaboration have rendered outstanding service by outlining from their wide experience and careful study of swine diseases a practical, orderly method of making physical examinations of swine under field conditions that has resulted in increasing the accuracy of clinical diagnosis of several important swine diseases.

William O. Fraser, Asst. Chief, Livestock and Meats Branch, O. D., for his initiative in developing and putting into operation the system used by the War Meat Board in obtaining a complete picture of our national production of meat on a weekly basis.

Reuben Ford, Motion Picture Sound Ingr., Info., who on his own initiative rebuilt and made adaptations to an old sound recorder previously discarded as unusable and beyond repair, which will result in an approximate saving to the Dept. of \$12,000.

Dr. Ralph W. Boone, veterinarian, BAI, for his ingenuity and initiative in constructing a stanchion for confining cattle while they are being tested for Brucellosis and tuberculosis.

Dr. G. Wilford Olson, BAI, parasitologist, for his develop-

TREADING THE BOARDS

Hey, folks, look what we have here! Missing in Action, a dynamic one-act play about a Sergeant just released from German prison camp, will be staged by the Agriculture Players! This OWI gem tells the story of Sgt. John Gardner who was shot down over Germany, spent months in a prison camp and is now in Walter Reed Hospital.

So far only an invited audience at the Stage Door Canteen has seen the play, but when Director John Eaton approached the OWI and the Speakers Bureau of the American Theater Wing about the Agriculture Players launching the official premiere, their consent was given. Enthusiastic ideas are rampant on the casting, staging and results of this project.

'Tis a short play and not to be considered our first real the-ah-tah production, but y'see we kinda want to give our two bits worth to a good thing. (It tells us to keep our mouths shut 'bout our own sparse military knowledge.) From this we'll move to three-acters, musicals and cabaret performances.

"The play's the thing!" We're calling all theatrically minded people in the Department to join us in this exciting venture. Meetings are scheduled every Tuesday at 5:30 in the auditorium. Already we've uncovered real talent. Even if y'aren't an ar-teest we can use your enthusiasm. How about it.

ment of a treatment for the removal of liver flukes from cattle.

SHARE YOUR CAR, NEIGHBOR

On and after Monday, May 22, 1944, all applications for supplemental gasoline rations approved by Local Boards, which do not contain the signatures of a full ride-sharing group or which do not have justifiable reasons for their not having the required number of riders will be issued a short-term ration for 30 days. This ration will not be renewable until the applicant has completed his car club or has established to the complete satisfaction of the Rationing Board the impracticability of obtaining the necessary number of riders.

Your transportation committee renders you a service by certifying your gasoline application before it goes to the Ration Board. If the application is not accurate and complete, the committee brings errors to your attention for correction. It will also assist you in finding riders to fill your car club. It will continue to keep a file of drivers, riders, and rotaters and to advertise in the News Bulletin requests that the committee cannot fill from its files. If these sources do not obtain the desired results, the transportation committee will register you with the proper O. P. A. recruiting center.

Gasoline powers the attack. You can help the war machines save your way of life by sharing your car and thereby cutting down on gasoline consumption for civilian use.

Mrs. West will certify your gasoline applications from 4:15 p. m. to 5:15 p. m. in room 528, phon

FARMER FOR A WEEK

Plan your Victory Vacation at Camp Timberville, Va. Men, women, Boys, and Girls are needed by the farmers in the Shenandoah Valley from June 1, to Nov. 1. If you can spend a week or more at Camp Timberville, get an application blank from your bureau contact officer.

Food Fights For Freedom!**SURGICAL DRESSING WORKERS WANTED**

Thousands of surgical dressings are urgently needed. The Department unit of the Red Cross has a room set aside for this work and dressings are made on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m., 505 Administration Building. Competent instructors will gladly show you how. Can't you spare a little time in such a worthy cause? For further information see your bureau Red Cross Chairman or Mrs. Havy in the Patio.

ELECTION (Continued from Page 1) appeal, correct inaccurate ratings. Therefore, election of a person who truly represents the employee point of view as the employee member of the Board is of real importance to each one of us. Let us, then vote with great care!

Remember--the election is Friday, June 2!

to 5:15 p. m. in room 528, phone Ext 3105.

NEWS WHILE IT'S NEWS

Do you receive your News Bulletin on the day it is dated? It is published every other Wednesday by the Division of Personnel Relations and Safety and is always ready for distribution by the bureau contact officers at 3 o'clock on the date appearing at the top of the Bulletin. The news appearing in the Bulletin is of current interest to a majority of the employees in the Department if it is received when published. A sufficient number of copies are given each bureau to reach all employees. If you don't receive your News Bulletin on time, call your bureau contact officer.

HOUSING INFORMATION

For Sale--5-rm. bungalow, 1 acre ground, nr. Falls Church. Attractive terms. Call J. Mayer, Ext. 2953
For Rent--4-bedrm., furnished house, available June 10 for 3 mos. \$160 per mo. Call Mr. Flood, 5 W. Thornapple St., Chevy Chase, Md. Ext. 2949 or WI. 4590.

For further housing information, see your bureau contact officer.

Want riders (contin'd.)

D. McGarry, Landover, Md., Ext. 2797
M. Stanky, 3455 Clay, NE, Ext. 3794
M. Hunter, 101 N. Brookside Dr., Arlington, Ext. 5023

Want one rotater

S. E. Herrell, 7114 - 7th St., N. W. Ext. 3547 (established pool)
C. L. Grant, 6057 - 22nd St. N., Arlington, Ext. 3101 (established pool)

CAR POOL

Want riders

Mrs. Crocker, 1457 Park Rd., N. W. Ext. 6429
Mrs. McCorkle, 1507 Kearney, N. E., Ext. 3640
Mrs. Cate, 8412 Queen Anne's Dr., Silver Spring, Ext. 2565
Miss Baldwin, 1445 Park Rd., N. W., Ext. 4068
Mrs. Mac Donald, 27 Williams La., Chevy Chase, Md., Ext. 4165
Miss Madden, 1762 Kenyon St., N. W., Ext. 3777
L. Reed, 504 B St., S. E., Ext. 3107
Miss Comi, 2460 - 16th St., N. W., Ext. 5986
Mrs. Hoyt, Franklin & R. I., N. E., Ext. 4631
Mrs. Anderson, 922 S. Washington St., Alexandria, Ext. 2190
Miss Lindgren, 800 S. Washington St., Alexandria, Ext. 2425
Want riders
R. O. Neff, 1541 Kenilworth Ave., N. E., Ext. 5785
T. R. Tayler, 1718 - 40th St., S. E., Ext. 6001 (works 7:45 til 4:15)
J. S. Lucas, Old Dominion Rd., Vienna, Va., Ext. 3691
D. Maloney, 1120 Vermont Ave., N. W., Ext. 5482
R. L. Burch, 620 Notabene Pk., Levery Pk., Va., Ext. 3198
A. Polluck, 1300 S. Cleveland St., Arlington, Ext. 2932
Miss Rest, N. Capitol & Adams, Ext. 6101
Mrs. Cooper, Falls Church or Tyson's Corner, Va., Ext. 5817
Miss Hulvey, 47 S. Aberdeen St., Arlington Forest, Va., Ext. 2508